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DEMobilIZATION.

Men Will Come Home In Increasing
Numbers.

One of the most pressing questions with which the Canadian Ministers have to deal is that of facilitating the return of troops to Canada. The matter is the occasion for continuing the conference with the overseas military staff.

The Canadian Corps is occupying a portion of Germany along the Rhine and the disposition of this force in the main must await peace developments. But in clearing the way for their return the military authorities are carrying out extensive demobilization operations. The extent of this demobilization is only limited by the transportation conditions. Estimates are that 20,000 Canadian soldiers will arrive home in January and thereafter 30,000 per month.

The sources from which these separate drafts are obtained are reserve battalions containing men who have seen service and would be again available for the field were this necessary; non-combatant units and men of Category B or lower.

These demobilization measures are being carried out in conformity with the general plan worked out some time ago. The men go from the various camps to concentration camp at Kenamael Park, North Wales, and are then sent forward to the dispersal depot in Canada nearest their homes, where they are mustered out.

Troops available for demobilization in France are daily going to England, but this movement is not large owing to the difficulty of moving troops in France. For the moment soldiers in England have the preferential chance of getting home, but it is hoped this will be equalized later by the establishment of a concentration camp in France and direct transport from France to Canada.

The Canadian corps at the front will be demobilized by units, which will enable Canadian committees to extend a welcome to their home battalions. Plans are now being worked out to enable this to be done without undue delay. The objection to this source will be met by interchanges between battalions by which all soldiers from a given area will be collected in the battalions identified with that territory. Thus infantrymen from Toronto will be assembled with the whole army in Toronto battalions. There will be ample time to work this out.

Officers from the front say that the expectation of the corps is that demobilization will be by divisions in their numerical order. The Canadian demobilization scheme includes the provision that the special industrial requirements of each dispersal area shall be a modifying factor.

The Overseas Ministry is deluged with requests for the return of individuals or soldiers of a particular class, such as miners, railway men, etc. So far as this can be done without slowing up the demobilization machinery, these requests will be met, but the prime requisite at the moment is that full advantage be taken of the shipping capacity at the disposal of the Overseas Ministry during the next two or three months. Some of the requests by their business associates for the immediate return of men of special qualifications could only be complied with at the cost of throwing the organization in England and in France into confusion. Many of the pivotal men in the army itself and in administrative work are business and professional men for whom their work in Canada is calling, but they cannot be released until this immensely complex task of demobilization is further advanced.

Liked the Sword Swallowers.
A Canadian officer who was in charge of about a thousand Chinese coolies in France tells the following story:

"Some Canadian troops offered to bring their band, one of the best in France, to entertain our coolies. As soon as the band began to play the heathen Chinese, however, began to laugh uproariously. When asked what was amusing them their inter-

preter said: 'Why we are laughing at the juggler.'
"Juggler? Why there is no juggler in that bunch."
"Oh, yes, there he is. See that man swallowing the steel rod and then pulling it out again.' He was referring to the trombone player."

His Only Wish.

"My only wish is that you may hate the Hun as much as I do," declared Capt. H. E. Smith, the repatriated prisoner of war, at the public reception given him on his arrival home in the town of Oshawa recently. Capt. Smith went overseas with the 4th Battalion, C.M.R., 3rd Division, was captured at Zillebeke June 21, 1916, and went through all the horrors to which captured men were subjected. He was two years at different camps in Germany, including eight months at the notorious "strafe" camp at Strohen, Hanover. Capt. Smith was a prominent business man and a member of the Oshawa Town Council when he enlisted.

Katchutegua.

The lively controversy still rages in British Columbia as to whether Vancouver Island shall be renamed, and if so what the new name shall be. Inasmuch as the island was known to the Indians long before Captain George Vancouver sighted its mountain tops as Katchutegua, why not call it that? Kat-chu-teg-ua, by the way, may be freely translated as meaning "the plain," and is just about as applicable to Vancouver Island as Maple Creek or Mountain View, Manitoba.

Carrier Pigeons In 1099.

According to the poet Tasso, carrier pigeons were employed for the transmission of messages during the siege of Jerusalem in the year 1099.

Twenty Dollars a Day In Alaska.
Miners employed in the Alaskan mines receive twenty dollars per day the year round.

Rules for Hunters.

Game conservation is a vital question in Canada. The time to act and place upon a sound and sane continuing basis all game birds and animals is now. Insofar as rules for sportsmen are concerned, they will obey them. Here are a few good ones:

1. Be a real sportsman. There is more honor in giving the game a square deal than in getting the limit.
2. Make sure it's a buck or drake. If you can't see his horns, or determine a duck, she hasn't got any, and in case of a duck don't shoot.
3. Help enforce the game law. Game and fish are public property, and only a game-bog will take more than his fair and legal share. Violations should be reported to the nearest official of the Government.
4. Respect the ranchman's property. He regards the man who leaves his gates open, cuts his fences, chouses his live stock, or shoots near dwellings as an outlaw. Put yourself in his place.
5. Be careful with your camp fire and matches. Save the forests. One tree will make a million matches; one match can burn a million trees.
6. Leave a clean camp and a clean record. Unburied garbage, crippled game, and broken laws are poor monuments for a sportsman to leave behind him.

Children Lost In Big City.

Two children, a ten-year-old girl and her seven-year-old brother, disappeared from their home in Toronto recently and were not found by the police until the third morning after they had left their home to go to school. The tots wandered down to Scarborough Beach, where they spent the afternoon, and afterwards managed to reach Yonge street, where the police found them.

"We wanted to see Santa Claus, and we saw him," said the little girl. For two nights they had slept behind the big pillars of a bank. They spent the day-time in the downtown stores.

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